

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace page 5, line 14 with the following amended line:

Fig. 4 is a partial transverse cross section of a ~~forth~~ fourth embodiment of an inventive tire;

Please replace page 5, line 15 with the following amended line:

Fig. 5 is a partial transverse cross section of a ~~five~~ fifth embodiment of an inventive tire;

Please insert the following new paragraphs at page 10, after line 21:

Fig. 3 presents a third embodiment of a tire 40 according to the invention in which, the first crown embodiment 41 having two lateral parts, the second crown reinforcement 42 is placed axially between these two axial parts 41. This embodiment advantageously diminishes the thickness of the crown and accordingly the weight and the rolling resistance of the tire.

Fig. 4 presents a fourth embodiment of a tire 50 according to the invention in which the cords of the first 51 and second 52 crown reinforcement are alternatingly placed at substantially the same distance from the axis of rotation of the tire. This embodiment has the advantage to be easy to realize and is less expensive from a manufacturing perspective.

Fig. 5 presents a fifth embodiment of a tire 60 according to the invention in which the breaker belt 7 is inserted radially between the first 61 and second 62 crown reinforcements. In this embodiment, the second crown reinforcement 62 is also placed radially inwardly the breaker belt 7. This embodiment has the advantage to improve the handling properties of the tire at low and moderate speeds.

At page 12, after line 22, insert the following paragraph:

Fig. 9 is a plot of stress (a) and tangent (b) modulus versus strain for a PET cord. The PET cord has a stress-strain characteristic with two maxima of tangent modulus, the strain of the second maxima being over 14%.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The first attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 3, 4, and 5 to add reference characters identifying the two crown reinforcements shown in the figures. This sheet replaces the original sheet numbered 3/6.

A second set of drawing sheets relates to Figure 9, which has been corrected to add reference characters identifying the curves. This sheet corresponds to the original sheet numbered 6/6.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes